

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) an edible substance selected from the group consisting of flavoring ingredients, food colorings, sweeteners, nutrients, and combinations thereof, disposed between said first and second prebonded webs; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) an agricultural substance selected from the group consisting of seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, and combinations thereof, disposed between said first and second prebonded webs; and

- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) an odor-absorbing substance disposed between said first and second prebonded webs; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$; and
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer containing an edible substance selected from the group consisting of flavoring ingredients, food colorings, sweeteners, nutrients, and combinations thereof, to be exposed.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$; and

- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer containing an agricultural substance selected from the group consisting of seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, and combinations thereof, to be exposed.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about $[[2]]^3$; and
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer containing an odor-absorbing substance to be exposed.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the substance is continuously disposed between said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 2, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 2, wherein the substance is continuously disposed between said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 3, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 3, wherein the substance is continuously disposed between said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 4, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 4, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 5, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 5, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 6, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches and a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 6, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1 wherein the bond sites are regularly repeating.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 4 wherein the bond sites are regularly repeating.